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Hon'ble Prime Minister Participated in the "Generation Equality Forum 2021"



Hon'ble Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina participated through a pre-recorded video message in the "Generation Equality Forum 2021" on 01 July 2021 which was convened by UN Women and co-hosted by France and Mexico. The statement was aired in the Action Coalition Session on "Technology and Innovation for Gender Equality". In her statement, Hon'ble Prime Minister highlighted the initiatives

taken by Bangladesh for women empowerment such as launching practical projects to create women IT professionals and efficient entrepreneurs, digital apps in addressing violence against women, cyber awareness training etc. She further added that women's empowerment has been a priority of Bangladesh and "Digital Bangladesh Vision" has meaningfully integrated women in the IT sector. Hon'ble Prime Minister pledged to increase

women's participation in the ICT sector, including tech start-ups and e-commerce sector to 25% by 2026 and 50% by 2041.

The Forum was inaugurated by the President of France Emmanuel Macron, the President of Mexico Andrés Manuel López Obrador, as well as by the UN Secretary-General António Guterres and convener of the Forum, Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka, Executive Director of UN Women.

Hon'ble Prime Minister inaugurated the "1st V20 Climate Vulnerables Finance Summit"



Hon'ble Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, currently the chair of the Climate Vulnerable Forum (CVF), inaugurated the '1st V20 Climate Vulnerables Finance Summit' on 08 July 2021 through video conference. She has also launched the "Mujib Climate Prosperity Plan – Decade 2030" in honour of the birth centenary of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman during the occasion. Concurrently, the first conference of finance ministers of 'Vulnerable

Twenty (V20)' Group was chaired by the Hon'ble Finance Minister A H M Mustafa Kamal. Heads of State and Government of CVF countries, UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, Chair of the Global Center on Adaptation Ban Ki-moon, Finance Ministers of V20 countries, Ministers and representatives of G7 and G20 countries, Heads of International Financial Institutions (IFIs), and Multilateral Development Banks (MDBs) and partners attended the conference.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina placed a five-point proposal, including the green recovery of climate vulnerable countries, who are being pushed to the edge, with support from the developed nations during the event. She urged the finance ministers, development partners, international financial institutions, and multilateral development banks to find novel financing solutions to attain climate prosperity.

Bangladesh, through CVF, initiated a new climate prosperity program to move from climate vulnerability to climate resilience and then turn climate resilience into climate prosperity. In addition, the 'Vulnerable Twenty' (V20) Group of Finance Ministers released a Communique that called for leadership by industrialized nations and cooperation to urgently transform and align the global economic system with the goals of the Paris Climate Treaty for a more robust, greener, and equitable recovery.

Hon'ble Foreign Minister Participated in the NAM Mid-term Ministerial Conference

Hon'ble Foreign Minister Dr. AK Abdul Momen, MP Participated in the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) Mid-term Ministerial Conference through pre-recorded video statement on 13-14 July 2021. The theme of this year's conference was "Non-Aligned Movement at the Center of Multilateral Efforts in Responding Global Challenges".

In his intervention, Hon'ble Foreign Minister called upon the international community to share the vaccine technology with the countries of global south to enable



them in producing vaccines to meet their needs. He also called for strong partnership to overcome COVID-19 related multifaceted challenges by sharing expertise and best practices, other resources and technologies. He urged NAM to support the graduating countries in order to ensure their smooth and sustainable graduation from LDC group to developing

country status. He stressed that south-south and triangular cooperation can be an important mechanism for successful transition and NAM can play a key role in this regard. He suggested setting up a Ministerial Forum of the South-South Countries to explore the critical needs of the southern countries. Hon'ble Foreign Minister urged the Movement to

redouble its efforts towards promoting peace, security and stability as well as to remain seized with the endeavors to build back better with partnership and meaningful cooperation.

Foreign Ministers of 33 countries and representatives of the member states of the Non-Aligned Movement, as well as the observer countries attended the conference.

Bangladesh co-hosted Africa and Middle East Regional Dialogue of the Climate Vulnerable Forum



Chair. Hon'ble Foreign Minister Dr A K Abdul Momen, MP, addressed the event.

The Dialogue created an opportunity for CVF members and observer countries of the CVF Africa and Middle East region to share challenges, achievements and learnings in climate change policy, and develop collective policy priorities. The countries aimed to identify and promote climate change policy priorities for vulnerable developing countries of the CVF from the Africa and Middle East region. On the final day of the Dialogue, CVF Regional Communique highlighting the 12 adopted recommendations for improving the response to the climate crisis was released.

As the current CVF Chair, Bangladesh co-hosted the Africa and Middle East Regional Dialogue of the Climate Vulnerable Forum, along with Ethiopia, as the regional CVF

Troika member, virtually, on 27-29 July 2021. CVF countries expressed sincere appreciation for the leadership role of Hon'ble Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina as the current CVF

Bangladesh Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the UN Rabab Fatima introduces first ever UNGA resolution on vision impairment

The UN General Assembly unanimously adopted the first ever UN resolution on vision impairment on 23 July 2021 which

committed access to eye health for the 1.1 billion people living



with preventable sight loss by 2030. Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the United Nations in New York, Ambassador Rabab Fatima introduced the resolution on behalf of the Friends of Vision, an informal like-minded group

at the UN who advocates for the greater access to eye health care for over 2 billion people currently living with various levels of visual impairment. The resolution titled “Vision for Everyone: accelerating action to achieve the Sustainable

Development Goals” is unique as it is the first agreement among the Member States of this highest global body and is designed to tackle preventable sight loss. The resolution was co-sponsored by 115 member states of the UN.

Book Launching of Korean Translation of “The Unfinished Memoirs” by Bangabandhu by the Embassy of Bangladesh in Seoul

To celebrate the Birth Centenary of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, the Embassy of Bangladesh in Seoul, took the initiative to translate “The Unfinished Memoirs”- the autobiography of the Father of the Nation into the Korean language and in continuation of that effort, the launching ceremony of the book was held on 01 July 2021 at Lotte Hotel in Seoul. Mr. Lee Dong-heon translated the above publication into the Korean language and Korean publisher ‘Moraeal LLC’ has made this publication available both in the

local book stores as well as in online platforms.

Hon’ble Foreign Minister Dr. A. K. Abdul Momen, MP and Mr. Md. Nazrul Islam Khan, Curator of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Memorial Museum sent video messages on the occasion of the unveiling ceremony of “The Unfinished Memoirs”. H.E. Mr. Sul Hoon, Hon’ble Member of the National Assembly, Republic of Korea and H.E. Mr. Lee Sangryol, Director-General of the Asian and Pacific Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of

Korea graced the occasion as the Guests of Honour.

As part of the event, a brief photo exhibition on the glorious life and works of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman was also organized. The theme song of the Mujib Year and the recorded cultural performances of the Bangladeshi artists and the members of small ethnic minority communities were screened during the event. The handicrafts and a few exportable items of Bangladesh were displayed.



► Book Launching of Korean Translation of “The Unfinished Memoirs”

Meeting with Bahrain Minister of Industry, Commerce and Tourism



► Ambassador Dr. Md. Nazrul Islam with His Excellency Zayed Rashid Al Zayani

Bangladesh Ambassador to Bahrain, Dr. Md. Nazrul Islam held a meeting with His Excellency Zayed Rashid Al Zayani, Minister of Industry, Commerce and Tourism on 04 July 2021. During the meeting, the Minister appreciated the recent

social and economic development in Bangladesh and he also hoped that the existing trade volume of only USD 51 million can be increased manifold in coming days. He expressed his keen interest in expanding trade and investment with Bangladesh

in different areas including pharmaceuticals, agriculture, ICT, shipbuilding/repairing, solar power.

He also expressed his interest to import pharma products from Bangladesh, as well as to set up a garments factory unit of Bangladesh in Bahrain. Bangladesh's keen interest in Bahrain's food security schemes in the context of the pandemic was also noted by the Minister. Proposals of mutual investments in tourism sector on the basis of G2G, G2B, B2B or PPP, the possibility of opening a branch office of one of the State-owned banks of Bangladesh i.e. Sonali Bank Ltd. to offer general banking services, remittance services and lending opportunities for Bangladesh owned SMEs holding Bahraini Commercial Registration (CR) were also discussed.

High Commissioner Met the Foreign Minister and Congratulated him on Winning the Presidency of the 76th Session of the UNGA

On 6 July 2021, Rear Admiral Mohammad Nazmul Hassan, High Commissioner of Bangladesh met the Minister of Foreign Affairs H.E. Abdulla Shahid and congratulated him on his victory in the election held on June 7, 2021 and getting

elected as the President of the 76th Session of the United Nations General Assembly. Minister Shahid's presidency will commence on September 14, 2021. The High Commissioner also extended well wishes for his upcoming new role. It

may be noted that, Maldives joined the United Nations on September 21, 1965.

Besides, important bilateral issues between both countries were also discussed with the Hon'ble Foreign Minister of Maldives.



► High Commissioner of Bangladesh congratulated the Foreign Minister of Maldives for being elected as the President of the 76th Session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA)



► Bilateral Discussion between the High Commissioner of Bangladesh and Foreign Minister of Maldives

Bangladesh Ambassador to Turkey Mr. Mosud Mannan, ndc represented Bangladesh in the 24th Eurasian Economic Summit organized by Marmara Foundation



From July 07-09, 2021 a three day long conference was held in Istanbul on the theme Belt and Road Initiative by the Marmara Foundation. Due to pandemic, no high-level participant from Dhaka was able to join the conference.



Ambassador Mousd Mannan, ndc represented Bangladesh in this important conference and made a presentation. It may be noted that Bangladesh is a signatory country of BRI and is an important strategic member.

MoU signed between Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) and the Delhi University to set up ‘Bangabandhu Chair’



► MoU signed to set up “Bangabandhu Chair” at Delhi University

A memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed on 12 July 2021 between Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) and the Delhi University to set up ‘Bangabandhu

Chair’ at the university to honour Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, the founding father of Bangladesh and the greatest Bengali of all times.

Director General of ICCR Dinesh K. Patnaik and Vice-Chancellor of Delhi University Prof. P C Joshi signed the agreement on behalf of their respective sides at a ceremony at ICCR. President of ICCR Vinay Sahasrabudde and Bangladesh High Commissioner to India Muhammad Imran witnessed the signing ceremony. Indian Foreign Secretary Harsh Vardhan Shringla sent a message on the occasion. Indian High Commissioner to Bangladesh Vikram Doraiswami joined the programme virtually from Dhaka.

As per the MoU, a foreign visiting professor or a subject expert on Bangladesh, likely to be a person of Bangladeshi origin, will be occupying the “Chair”.

Commemorative stamp issued on the birth centenary of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman with the help of French Postal Department 'La Poste'



► Bangladesh Ambassador H.E. Kazi Imtiaz Hossain Mr. Gilles LIVCHITZ, Director, 'Philaposte' jointly unveiled the commemorative stamp

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Bangladesh Embassy, Paris, with the help of French Postal Department

'La Poste' released commemorative stamps on 12 July 2021. The event was held at the headquarters of 'La Poste'. Mr. Gilles LIVCHITZ, Director, 'Philaposte' and Bangladesh Ambassador to France Kazi Imtiaz Hossain jointly unveiled the commemorative stamp.

H.E. Ambassador Kazi Imtiaz Hossain said Bangabandhu had always been vocal in demanding the rights of the oppressed people all over the world. On the centenary of Bangabandhu's birth, this is one of the ongoing initiatives of the embassy to convey his political ideology and philosophy

of Bangabandhu to the freedom-loving people of the world. Mr. Gilles LIVCHITZ, Director Philaposte said he is proud to be associated with this great initiative. Being involved in this work, they also got to know in detail about a great personality like Bangabandhu, about his life. This postage stamp will play a special role in making the Father of the Nation of Bangladesh more familiar to the French people.

A portrait of Bangabandhu by the famous Bangladeshi artist Mr. Shamsuddoha is used in this commemorative stamp.



► Ambassador H.E. Kazi Imtiaz Hossain, Mr. Gilles LIVCHITZ, Embassy officials and senior officials of 'Philaposte' present at the event

Bangladesh-International Vaccine Institute (IVI) ratification ceremony held in Seoul

The International Vaccine Institute (IVI) held a ceremony on 15 July 2021 at the IVI Headquarters welcoming Bangladesh's accession to the IVI. The event was participated by the representatives from the Government of Bangladesh, members of the Diplomatic community in Seoul, and

representatives of the IVI member states online and offline.

On this occasion, H.E. Mr. Zahid Maleque, M.P, Hon'ble Minister, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and H.E. Mr. Md. Shahriar Alam, M.P, Hon'ble

State Minister for Foreign Affairs sent out congratulatory video messages. Ambassador Abida Islam raised Bangladesh's Flag at the IVI Headquarters in presence of Director-General and other officials of the IVI. Mr. Abdul Muktedir, Chairman and Managing Director

of the Incepta Vaccine Ltd and Dr. Tahmeed Ahmed, Executive Director of the International Centre for Diarrhoeal Disease Research, Bangladesh (icddr,b) virtually participated in the ceremony. Additionally, the Chairperson of IVI's Board of Trustees, Mr. George Bickerstaff, delivered his welcome

remarks virtually. Mr. Chang Wook-jin, Director-General of International Organizations Bureau of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Korea also offered his congratulations over a pre-recorded message. Director-General of the IVI Dr. Jerome Kim made a detailed and impressive presentation highlighting IVI's relationship with

Bangladesh during the ceremony.

Bangladesh is a founding signatory to IVI's Establishment Agreement, the 1996 UN treaty and ratified the Agreement on 21 March 2021 and the United Nations issued notification of the depository on 05 April 2021. The Agreement entered into force for Bangladesh on 1 May 2021.



► Bangladesh-International Vaccine Institute (IVI) ratification ceremony held in Seoul

High Commissioner of Bangladesh handed over 500 kg Bangladeshi mangoes to the Chief of Protocol of the Republic of Maldives



► High Commissioner of Bangladesh to Maldives handing over mangoes to the Chief of Protocol of the Republic of Maldives

Hon'ble Prime Minister H. E. Sheikh Hasina sent 500 KGs of Bangladeshi mangoes to the Hon'ble President of Maldives, H.E. Ibrahim Mohamed Solih as a friendship gesture. On 17 July 2021, Rear Admiral Mohammad Nazmul Hassan, the High Commissioner of Bangladesh to Maldives handed over the gift of the Hon'ble Prime Minister to H.E. Aishath Shaan Shakir, Chief of Protocol of Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Maldives.

Seminar on “Bangladesh the New Frontier: Investment Opportunities for Foreign Investors and Expatriates”, Los Angeles



The Bangladesh Consulate General in Los Angeles organized a Seminar on “Bangladesh the New Frontier: Investment Opportunities for Foreign Investors and Expatriates” on 19 July 2021 at the Bangabandhu Cultural Center of the Chancery. H.E. Mr. Salman Fazlur Rahman, MP, Private

Industry & Investment Adviser to Hon’ble Prime Minister graced the occasion as Chief Guest. Members of US Bangladesh Business Forum and CEO of Startup Bangladesh Limited Ms. Tina Jabeen participated in the seminar. A significant number of Bangladesh origin investors,

businessmen and Silicon Valley based IT professionals also attended the seminar. The primary goal of organizing this event was to showcase the robust economic growth and the trade and investment opportunities in Bangladesh as well as to encourage investment in Bangladesh.

Tree Plantation by Bangladesh High Commission in Brunei Darussalam

In commemoration of the Birth Centenary of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, and the Golden Jubilee of the Independence of Bangladesh, Bangladesh High Commission in collaboration with the Department of Forest of Brunei Darussalam, organized a Tree Plantation Program at Taman Riadah, Jalan Pusat Persidangan, Bandar Seri Begawan on 22 July 2021. Yang Berhormat Dato Seri Setia Awang Haji Ali Bin Apong, Minister for Primary

Resources and Tourism graced the occasion as the Guest of Honor at the invitation of the Bangladesh High Commissioner Mrs. Nahida Rahman Shumona. In total, 101 saplings including 41 Ru Runag, 59 Ubah and 01 Neem were planted by the Guest of Honour, other invited guests and officials of the Bangladesh High Commission. Expressing his deepest personal regard for the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, the guest of honor highly appreciated this initiative,

and wholeheartedly congratulated the Bangladesh High Commissioner for spearheading this excellent initiative worthy of emulation in every possible sense. The Bangladesh High Commissioner thanked the Guest of Honour for attending the occasion and honoured him with a crest. She was of the firm opinion that this program should serve as an inspiration for all to plant more trees crucial for ensuring a bright and green future for the planet and humanity.



► Tree Plantation to commemorate the Birth Centenary of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and the Golden Jubilee of the Independence of Bangladesh

Bangladesh participated in the Fourth Meeting of the Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) Working Group on Women's Economic Empowerment:

The Fourth Meeting of the Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) Working Group on Women's Economic Empowerment was held virtually on 22 July 2021. This event was part of IORA's partnership with UN Women supported by the Government of Australia. Delegations from 23 Member States including Bangladesh, the current Vice-chair of the IORA, participated in the meeting. In this event, IORA and UN Women discussed the key findings of the new IORA UN Women report on "Women's Economic Empowerment in the Indian Ocean Rim: Progress and Challenges". In addition to



analysing the key gender issues, the report highlights good practices, case studies, and further challenges

and opportunities for investments and initiatives to address prominent gender gaps in the region.

Bangladesh Embassy in Seoul participated in the Import Goods Fair (IGF)-2021

The Embassy of Bangladesh in Seoul actively participated in the 18th Import Goods Fair (IGF) held on 22-24 July 2021 at the Convention and Exhibition Center (COEX) in Seoul organized by Korea Importers Association (KOIMA) to showcase the new products imported from the partner countries annually. Chairman of KOIMA Mr. Hong Kwang-hee, and Director General of Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy (MOTIE) Mr. Young-tae Choi inaugurated the IGF 2021 on 22 July 2021 in presence of the Ambassadors and representatives from the Embassies of the participating countries.

After the inauguration, Ambassador Abida Islam invited the Chairman of KOIMA, Director General of MOTIE, and other Ambassadors to the Bangladesh stall and presented



▶ Import Goods Fair (IGF)-2021

them with traditional handicrafts. During the fair, export items from Bangladesh, were displayed which includes RMG products, jute and leather products, ceramic items, and handicrafts like brass items, traditional

dolls, etc. It is mentionable that Korean businessmen showed their keen interest in the leather items and ceramic products of Bangladesh. Organic food items from Fargo like mixed nuts, honey, moringa tea, and

ghee (clarified butter) also attracted the dignitaries and visitors. Due to social distancing, the audience was comparatively less this year but around 100 visitors visited the Bangladesh stall during this three-day event.

1000 Kilograms of mangoes from the Hon'ble Prime Minister of Bangladesh for the Sultan of Brunei Darussalam

Hon'ble Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina sent 1000 kilograms of mangoes of Haribhanga variety for His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar 'Ali Saifuddien Sa'adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam. The mangoes were delivered to Pengiran Muhammad Anuarul Hadi, Third Secretary, Protocol & Consular Affairs Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Brunei Darussalam on 24 July 2021.



► 1000 Kilograms of mangoes from the Hon'ble Prime Minister of Bangladesh for the Sultan of Brunei Darussalam

'Bangladesh-Nigeria Relations: Bangladesh's Foreign Policy and Role in International Relations' held in Lagos, Nigeria

To mark 'Mujib Borsho' and the 'Golden Jubilee of Independence of Bangladesh', H.E. Mr. Masudur Rahman, High Commissioner delivered a key note speech titled 'Bangladesh-Nigeria Relations: Bangladesh's Foreign Policy and Role in International Relations', at the Ambassadorial Forum-jointly organized by the Nigerian Institute of International Affairs (NIIA), at Lagos on 26 July 2021. Prof. Eghosa Osaghae, Director General of NIIA as well as a good number of academia, researchers and civil society members from Nigeria were present in a hybrid format of participation. Prior to the lecture, the High Commissioner



had a cordial discussion with the Director General on the issues of mutual interests, while emphasizing on the possible cooperation between

Bangladesh Institute of International and Strategic Studies (BIISS) and the Nigerian Institute of International Affairs (NIIA).

'Bangabandhu Corner' launched in the Yonsei University, Seoul

As part of the Birth Centenary Celebration of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, the Embassy of Bangladesh in Seoul established a Bangabandhu Corner in the library at the main campus of Yonsei University in Seoul on 26th July 2021.

In presence of the officials of the Embassy as well as from the Library of Yonsei University, Ambassador Abida Islam and Mr. Seoung Hwan Suh, President of the Yonsei University Library jointly inaugurated the Bangabandhu corner. It may be

mentioned that Yonsei University is one of the top private universities in the Republic of Korea and presently it is ranked 79 in the QS Global World Rankings 2022 among the universities of the world. Yonsei Library contains more than 3 million books, journals, and magazines and over 30,000 students are pursuing higher studies in this university.

Apart from Korean versions of 'Historic 7th March Speech', 'Bangabandhu: The People's Hero', and 'The Unfinished Memoirs', the corner contains a number

of publications in English on Bangabandhu, his life and works, history of Bangladesh's War of Liberation including a few on the rich cultural heritage and tradition of Bangladesh. From all these books of 'Bangabandhu Corner', the young generation of other countries including from South Korea will be able to enrich their knowledge about the history, heritage, and culture of Bangladesh including Bangabandhu's life, his struggles and sacrifices, his contributions in founding an independent Bangladesh.



► 'Bangabandhu Corner' established in the Yonsei University



The Embassy of Bangladesh in Brussels organized a virtual cultural event on 27 July 2021 to celebrate "Rabindra-Nazrul Jayanti".

Two dance recitals titled 'The Shades of Seasons' and 'The Eternal Luminary' based on the music and poetry of nobel laureate Rabindranath Tagore and national poet Kazi Nazrul Islam respectively, were presented in the programme. The dance recitals were directed by internationally renowned Bangladeshi Dance Artiste Warda

Rihab and presented by Dhriti Nartanalaya from Bangladesh.

In his opening remarks, Ambassador Mahbub Hassan Saleh highlighted the deep influence of the literary works of the two iconic poets of Bengali literature on the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. Ambassador Saleh presented a poetic description of

various aspects of literature, life and philosophy of Rabindranath and Nazrul to foreign audiences.

The event was organized as part of the continuous efforts of the Embassy to preserve and present the thousand year's old rich literary heritage and colorful culture of Bangladesh before an international audience.



Bangladesh Consulate General, Istanbul organized roundtable discussion to promote cooperation in tourism

As part of celebration of the golden jubilee of independence and its sustained efforts in enhancing the profile of Bangladesh in Turkey, the Bangladesh Consulate General, Istanbul in partnership with Turkish Travelers Club organized a roundtable discussion titled 'Bangladesh: An Emerging Destination of Tourism in the Post-Covid Period' on 29 July 2021.

Consul General Mr. Mohammad Monirul Islam underlined that tourism does not only strengthen

connectivity and understanding between the peoples of the two countries, but also consolidates and expands the sphere of friendship between them, which eventually help foster and promote all areas of cooperation including culture, education, business and investment. Highlighting the strong basis of existing historical and cultural ties between Bangladesh and Turkey, he asserted that there remains significant potential and opportunity for further elevating tourism cooperation

between our two brotherly nations.

Mr. Abu Sufian, Editor of the travel magazine Vromon joined the event virtually and gave a comprehensive presentation, outlining the historically precious, culturally rich and naturally beautiful tourist attractions of Bangladesh. The participants were very impressed to learn about touristic treasures of Bangladesh and expressed their enthusiasm of visiting Bangladesh immediately once the covid situation returns to normalcy.



Bangladesh Embassy, Abu Dhabi held seminar on 'Bangabandhu Government's Development Plan and Bangabandhu Daughter's Vision-2021 and 2041'

On 29 July 2021, the Bangladesh Embassy, Abu Dhabi held a seminar on 'Bangabandhu Government's development plan and Bangabandhu daughter's Vision-2021 and 2041: deconstruction of the dream of golden Bengal' as a part of lecture series on the Birth Centenary of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

The event highlighted the role of Vision-2021 and 2041 of Hon'ble

Prime Minister to attain the set goal of Bangabandhu to make a prosperous and just society in Bangladesh. In his speech, the Ambassador said that Bangabandhu got a war-ravaged country with infrastructural backbone broken, economy in a shambles, millions of hungry people, and challenges arising out of a very difficult geo-politics situation in the bi-polar world but thanks to his

committed leadership the economy started moving forward despite many insurmountable challenges. There was acute shortage of food grains following national and international natural shocks but Bangabandhu led from the front in rebuilding this devastated economy with meagre domestic resources. Bangabandhu rightly prioritized agriculture and industrialization as the forces to

rely on. While Bangabandhu chose to expand industrial sector through

nationalization at the beginning, his medium to long-term plan was to

create enabling environment for the private sector.



Japan dispatched 1.0 million of AstraZeneca doses in July 2021 out of their committed 3.0 million to Bangladesh under the COVAX framework

In two consignments, Japan dispatched a total of 1,026,520 doses of AstraZeneca vaccines to Bangladesh as of 30 July 2021. In the first consignment that departed Japan on July 23, 2021, there was 245,200

doses and in the second consignment dispatched on July 30, 2021 there were 781,320 doses of AstraZeneca vaccines. H.E. Ambassador Shahabuddin Ahmed along with embassy officials was present at Narita

airport during the dispatches of the vaccines. The amount dispatched was part of approximately 3.0 million of AstraZeneca doses committed by Japan for Bangladesh under the COVAX framework.



Bangladesh Ambassador called on Ministers of Agriculture and Tourism and Antiquities of Jordan

Ambassador Nahida Sobhan called on H.E. Eng. Khaled Huneifat, the Minister of Agriculture of Jordan at his office in the Ministry of Agriculture.



► Call on the Minister of Agriculture of Jordan

The Ambassador also called on H.E. Mr. Nayef Al-Fayez, the Minister of Tourism and Antiquities of Jordan at his office.

After exchange of pleasantries, the Ambassador discussed tourism cooperation between Bangladesh and Jordan, activating the tourist

visa for Bangladeshi citizens and the possibility of concluding an MoU on cooperation in the tourism sector.



► Call on the Minister of Tourism and Antiquates of Jordan

Bangladeshi Mango in the Netherlands



Thank you so much Ambassador @hamidullah_riaz for these SUPER delicious mangoes from Bangladesh soil!!! Rightly they are called 'the Champagne among mangoes'.



Bangladesh Embassy in the Netherlands facilitated a first-ever commercial export of Bangladeshi mango (Himsagar) in the Netherlands. Three shipments of mangoes reached the Netherlands this summer, as a result.

The Embassy presented Bangladeshi Himsagar mango to 70 select Dutch dignitaries i.e. politicians, think-tanks, academia, diplomats, business persons. Almost all recipients who tasted the Bangladeshi mango conveyed overwhelming response about the taste and aroma calling 'champaign of mangoes.'

The Embassy, in collaboration with various Dutch agencies, is trying to bring Bangladeshi fruits (e.g. mango, jackfruit, lychee, pineapple) to Dutch market commercially by developing sustainable supply-chain.

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